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"PRIMER EXTENSION METHODS OF PRODUCTION
OF HIGH SPECIFIC ACTIVITY NUCLEIC ACID
PROBES"

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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, and in response to the Office Action mailed July 14, 2004, Applicants request entry of the amendments, reconsideration on the merits, withdrawal of the rejections, and allowance of the claims. A request for a three-month extension of time, extending the period for reply to January 14, 2005, and a check in the amount of the appropriate fee accompany this response.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 3.

Remarks begin on page 8.